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Dr. Fihn is a general internist and serves as Director of Clinical System Development and Evaluation (CSDE) in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and as a staff physician at VA Puget Sound Health Care System. CSDE is responsible for developing integrated workflow solutions for clinical care and conducting national evaluations of major clinical initiatives for VHA which provides care to more than 6 million Veterans. CSDE is also integrally involved in VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization effort.

He received his medical training at St. Louis University and completed an internship, residency and chief residency in the Department of Medicine at the University of Washington (UW). He was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and earned an MPH degree at UW where he has been on the faculty since 1979 and presently holds the rank of Professor in the departments of Medicine and of Health Services. He has served as Head of the Division of General Internal Medicine at UW since 1995.

From 1993 to 2011, Dr. Fihn directed the Northwest VA Health Services Research & Development Center of Excellence. His research has addressed a broad range of topics related to strategies for improving the efficiency and quality of primary medical care and understanding the epi-demiology of common medical problems. He received the Department of Veteran Affairs Undersecretary's Award for Outstanding Contributions in Health Services Research in 2002. He served as the VA Acting Chief Research and Development Officer in 2004-5. He has published more than 300 scientific articles and book chapters.

Dr. Fihn has always striven to apply the principles and findings of health services research to health care delivery. He served as the Chief Quality and Performance Officer for VHA from 2007-8. From 2010 to 2016, served as Director of Analytics and Business Intelligence for VHA and was responsible for supporting high level analytics and delivery of clinical and business information throughout the VA health system. He remains an active clinician and co-edited two editions of a textbook entitled Outpatient Medicine.

Dr. Fihn is active in several academic organizations including the Society of General Internal Medicine [SGIM] (past-president), the American College of Physicians (fellow), American Heart Association (fellow) and AcademyHealth. In 2012 he received the Robert J. Glaser Award for outstanding contributions to research, education, or both in generalism in medicine from SGIM.